Study of impediments faced by food processing exporters

@3370. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ASSOCHAM has called for conducting a detailed study of the impediments faced by the processed food exporters in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make a study in this regard; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to solve the problems being faced by processed food exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal at present to conduct a study by the Government.

Export of Railway Wagons

@@3371. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export railway wagons during the current year;

(b) if so, what is the number and value thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the countries to which these would be exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. During 1988-89, 100 Railway Wagons will be exported to Zambia f.o.b. value of which would be about Rs. 7.25 crores.

Suggestion of Maharashtra to keep records of births and deaths at Gram Panchayat level

@@@3372. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a suggestion from the Maharashtra Government to keep the records of births and deaths in villages at Gram Panchayat level; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes Sir, the records of births and deaths in villages in Maharashtra are already kept at Gram Panchayat level for a period of one year after the close of the calender year. However, the Government of Maharashtra had approached this office for amendment of Rule 19(3) of the Maharashtra Registration of Birth & Death Rules, 1976 in a manner that would enable them to retain the records of births and deaths at Gram Panchayat level for a period of 8 years.

(b) The Central Government did not agree to the proposal.

Sabarigiri Augmentation Scheme

3373. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sabarigiri augmentation scheme has been rejected by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

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@Previously Unstarred Question 2621, transferred from the 17th August, 1988.

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